## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Casé No. RA001C9)

In the Application of:

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Examiner:

Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT I/O USING A

HIGH PERFORMANCE BUS INTERFACE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

## IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title and substitute "METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA INPUT LENGTH".